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. . . The State Superintendent of Schools of Idaho has prepared a program of Peace Day Exercises for the Eighteenth of May, which will be observed in the schools of the State. The exercises are printed in full in the pamphlet "Special Days' Programs," and cover eight pages. The exercises have been made up largely from the literature of the American Peace Society, and furnish an excellent example to be followed by other States. Superintendent Chamberlain is to be congratulated on this excellent piece of work.

. . . It is announced from Brussels that a World Congress of International Associations will be held in that city May 9, 10 and 11 of this year.

. . . In a cablegram to the *New York World* on March 11, Count Komura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, said: "I am convinced there is nothing in American-Japanese relations to cause uneasiness. The real Far Eastern interests of the two powers are not inconsistent or antagonistic. War is inconceivable. It would be a crime without excuse or palliation. My conviction finds ample support in the understanding of 1908."

. . . The British navy estimates for the year 1910-11 show an increase of £5,461,000 (\$27,305,000) over the past year. Nearly the whole of this increase is for new ships. The total of the new naval budget will be \$200,000,000.

. . . Mr. A. F. Nightingale, Superintendent of Schools in Cook County, Ill., has announced that hereafter in the grades the teaching of the details of wars and battles will be omitted, as not conducive to the proper spirit in the pupils. This will hold true of the colonial wars; even the French and Indian War will be studied only in a general way. This step was taken by the superintendent after a conference with the principals of the county.

. . . Read the article on "The Japanese War Scare," by Hon. John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, in the *Independent* for March 24. Mr. Foster, who has had a wide diplomatic experience and thoroughly understands the Far East, says that the talk of impending war with Japan "is worse than nonsense — it is wicked."

### Preliminary Program of the New England Arbitration and Peace Congress.

Hartford and New Britain, Conn., May 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1910.

SUNDAY, MAY 8.

10.30 A. M.: Special peace services in the churches of Hartford, New Britain and vicinity. Addresses by the pastors or the visiting delegates.

4.00 P. M.: Mass meeting in Foot Guard Hall, Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, D. D., presiding. Subject: "The Stake of the Workers in International Peace." Address by some leading representative of the American Federation of Labor.

7.45 P. M.: General peace meeting in Parsons Theatre, Rt. Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut, presiding. Music a feature of the program.

Prayer by Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell. Address by Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D. D., Cambridge, Mass. Poem by Rev. Edwin A. Parker, D. D., Hartford. Addresses by Rev. O. P. Gifford, D. D., Brookline, Mass., and Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, D. D., Providence, R. I.

MONDAY, MAY 9.

*Morning session.* Registration of delegates at Center Church House. Addresses in the schools of Hartford and New Britain by visiting delegates.

*Afternoon session.* 2.00 P. M.: State Capitol — House of Representatives. Congress called to order. Introduction of the President of the Congress by Arthur Deerin Call, President of the Connecticut Peace Society. Welcome by Acting Lieutenant-Governor Isaac W. Brooks. Welcome by the Mayor of Hartford. President's address by Dean Henry Wade Rogers of Yale Law School, on "The Present Problem." Address by Benjamin F. Trueblood, Secretary of the American Peace Society, on "Lessons from the History of the Movement." Appointment of Committee on Resolutions.

4.30-5.30 P. M.: Reception to delegates at the Center Church House.

*Evening session.* 8.00 P. M.: Center Church, Prof. Melancthon W. Jacobus, Dean of the Hartford Theological Seminary, presiding. Letters from President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, Congressman Tawney and others. Addresses by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, France (possibly); Hon. David J. Brewer, Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and Dean George W. Kirchwey, Columbia Law School, New York City.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

*Morning session.* 9.45 A. M.: Center Church House, President Flavel S. Luther, Trinity College, presiding. Addresses: "How Women Must Defend the Republic," by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, Boston, Mass.; "The Power of Women to Promote Peace through the Schools," by Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, Secretary of the American School Peace League, Boston, Mass.; "The Dynamic of a Successful World Peace Movement," by President John M. Thomas, Middlebury College, Vermont.

*Afternoon session in New Britain.* Centennial pilgrimage to the home town of Elihu Burritt.

2 P. M.: Delegates leave Hartford in automobiles.

3 P. M.: Parade of peace army of three thousand school children, with banners, floats, etc.

4 P. M.: Exercises at Burritt's grave. Singing by Children's Choir. Memorial chaplets laid upon Burritt's monument by representatives of the nations. Address by Hon. James Brown Scott, Solicitor of the State Department, Washington, D. C.

6 P. M.: Reception.

6.30 P. M.: Luncheon (free) to the delegates of the Congress.

*Evening session in New Britain.* 8.00 P. M.: Mass meeting in Russwin Lyceum. Music by German Societies of New Britain. Folk dancing by representatives of the nations. Address by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Free Synagogue, New York city, "Elihu Burritt"; ex-Governor George H. Utter, Westerly, R. I.; and Hon. Samuel W. McCall (possibly), Congressman, Massachusetts.

10.00 P. M.: Delegates return to Hartford by train.